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## Kerry speaks at Vietnam Summit

By Caleb Wong  
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Drawing on his experience as a Vietnam veteran, Secretary of State John Kerry said America has made significant progress in its relationship with Vietnam, but more needs to be done.

"The majority in Vietnam don't remember the war, and that calls for a totally different relationship," Kerry said. "It is clear Vietnam is reaching towards the globalized world."

Speaking to an audience

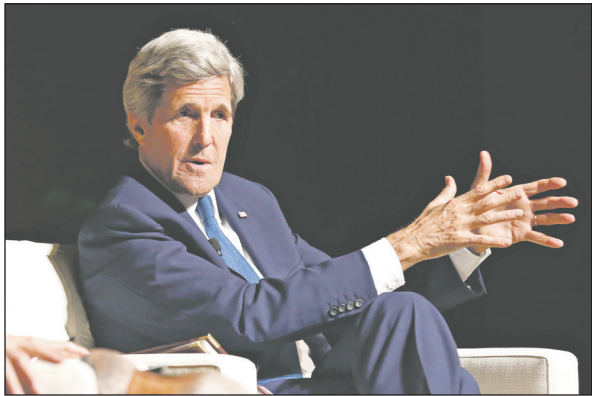
of nearly 930 people at the LBJ Library on Wednesday, Kerry gave a keynote address and later answered questions from documentary filmmaker Ken Burns about his time in Vietnam and how that influenced his worldview as Secretary of State.

While Kerry said he was concerned about Vietnam's authoritarian government, he said mutual trade deals and increased numbers of Americans and Vietnamese visiting each other's countries established a "new normal" for a relationship

between two countries that were formerly at war.

"There's no question that our government and the government in Hanoi has differences," Kerry said. "The difference is that we actually talk about them."

While America did make "huge mistakes in assumptions about the war," Kerry said America should not blame the Vietnam War on the soldiers. He said veterans had to fight for increases in the GI



Stephanie Tacy | Daily Texan Staff

Secretary of State John Kerry gives his keynote address during the Vietnam War Summit at the LBJ Presidential Library.

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NATIONAL

## Austin stays silent about NC gender-neutral result

By Forrest Milburn  
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Since March, a piece of legislation signed by Gov. Pat McCrory (R-NC) banning transgender people from using the bathroom of their choice in North Carolina has sparked a national conversation over whether gender-neutral bathrooms harm people's safety or protect the rights of transgender and non-binary individuals.

While supporters and opponents of the state's law argue over its ethics and merits, constituents in Austin — the only city in Texas to protect gender-neutral bathrooms — have not made any complaints to the Mayor's office, according to Jason Stanford, communications director for Mayor Steve Adler.

Stanford said although he couldn't comment on the national conversation itself, he said he could not imagine the public's response if the Austin City Council had taken similar actions as the North Carolina legislature.

"If you're different in other cities, a lot of times you get run out of town," Stanford said. "Here, we like to think 'Keep Austin Weird,' but really we know that if you include everyone, we're a lot smarter and stronger than we otherwise wouldn't be."

In 2015, the Austin City Council approved an ordinance mandating all commercial businesses with a single-occupant bathrooms — which have a locked door — must

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CAMPUS

## Reckless driving decreases on campus

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Reckless driving offenses in the campus area have decreased slightly since 2013 but remain relatively low when compared with other driving-related violations such as drunken driving, according to data from the UT Police Department.

Between 2011 and 2013, UTPD received 10 reports of reckless driving but have only received four reports between 2014 and now. In comparison, there have been 222 reports since 2012 of drunk driving, according to UTPD records.

UTPD officer William Pieper said increased construction on campus resulting in less traffic may be a reason for the slight drop in reckless driving offenses.

"Driving through campus is much more difficult than it has ever been before," Pieper said. "We're not seeing as much

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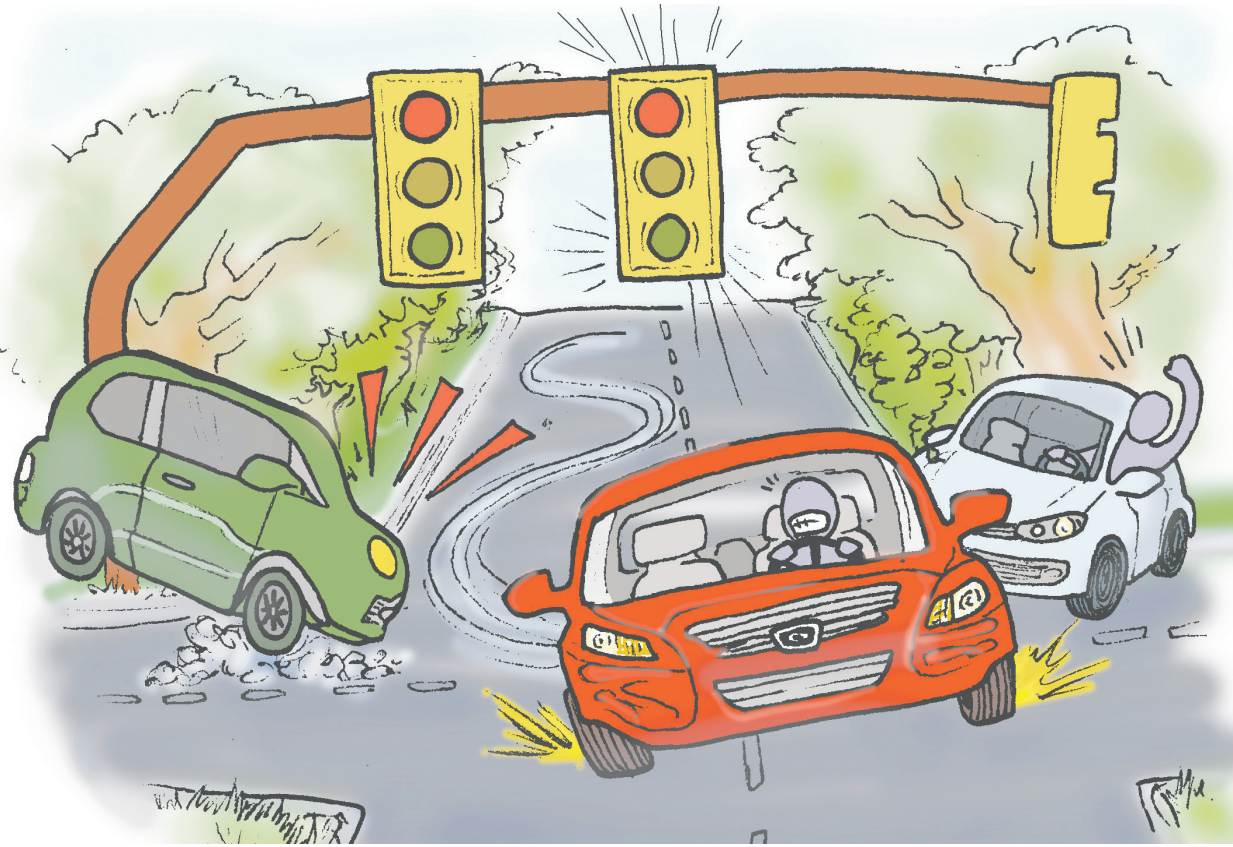


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## Program offers resources to undocumented students

By Cassandra Jaramillo  
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Jose Granados had been kicked out of his home after his parents found out he was gay.

Not only was he homeless, but he was undocumented, making it hard to find a job to sustain himself.

"That was the lowest point of my life," Granados said, remembering the traumatic experience when he was a sophomore at Austin Community College.

Despite the hardships, he still held on to his dreams of attending The University of Texas at Austin. After finding an immigration clinic that helped him get him approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and receiving a DACA scholarship, he applied to UT and was accepted.

"I was able to work and

then make a life for myself," Granados said.

Granados, now an education junior at UT, said there are plenty of undocumented students with similar stories like his, but they are silenced by the stigma. Now, a pilot program called the Monarch Program wants to help more undocumented students feel unafraid about college.

Katelyn Martinez, a student development specialist with the Longhorn Center for Academic Excellence, and her team are looking to provide academic, professional and personal resources to help students during their college years. The pilot program is expecting to start fall 2016.

"We are not a political organization, ... but we do want to fill the gap that happens with academics," Martinez said.

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FILM

## Film features students overcoming loss

By Anna McCreary  
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Ty Wilson said he'd always heard losing a limb was like losing a loved one.

In his upcoming documentary, Wilson, a radio-television-film senior, follows the lives of four UT students who, like him, live without one of their limbs. The film, set to release in May, weaves their stories with his own — he lost his left leg after a car accident in 2013.

"Not everyone has lost a limb, obviously, but a lot of people have lost someone special to them," Wilson said. "This film is inspired by that — what you've lost. These students [in the film] are prevailing, getting gold medals and meeting presidents and doing talk shows. They have gained so much in their experiences, and that's what I'm focusing on."

Wilson said so far,



Radio-television-film senior Ty Wilson directs and stars in a documentary about UT students living without one of their limbs.

Rachel Zein  
Daily Texan Staff

sharing his own story has been challenging.

"To turn the camera 180 [degrees] and look at me — it puts me in a very vulnerable position," Wilson said. "It takes some courage, for sure, to be so open like that. I don't know how [the others] do it."

Wilson said he has learned a lot through his

student interviews, particularly from UT alumna Jamie Schanbaum, who contracted meningitis suddenly in 2010 and later had her legs and fingers amputated. Now she is an advocate for meningitis awareness and vaccination.

"When she was telling me [her] story, it was like she was telling [it] for the first time," Wilson said. "It's still

a fresh wound. She deals with it day by day, and she has to wake up every morning and put on this face and be strong about it."

Even though he and Schanbaum have moved on and healed in various ways, Wilson said neither would ever forget the exact moment their lives changed.

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A man enjoys a margarita at the Mexic-Arte Taste of Mexico event Wednesday evening.

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LCAE oversees other programs which aim to help first-generation and low income students, such as Gateway Scholars, Longhorn Link and McNair Scholars, for students going to graduate school.

Martinez said in her experience with mentoring undocumented high school students, she found many have big dreams of attending college. However, they feel inhibited by their status, which makes them ineligible for a majority of federal aid.

“One of the biggest issues that comes to undocumented students is financial,” Martinez said.

The program wants to alleviate academic pressures



Members of the Monarch Program assist undocumented students with the academic, personal and professional pressures that come during their time at UT.

Elise Cardenas  
Daily Texan Staff

for students like finding scholarships for which undocumented students are eligible. It also aims to be a safe place for students dealing with personal and professional situations.

Through the University Leadership Initiative, a student

group that organizes programs and advocates for legislation that benefits the undocumented community, business sophomore Ana Flores has helped give feedback to the program.

“If there’s a center that everyone knows is for undocu-

mented students, then people are more willing to go because it’s the safe space that [the University has] been lacking,” Flores said.

Martinez said the Monarch Program will give students access to a textbook and laptop library for those who need to check out items for classes.

Granados said although a laptop might seem like a usual commodity for college students, some can’t afford it. He said he hasn’t had funds to purchase a laptop since arriving at UT.

“Each undocumented student has their own story — like me — and that’s why this program is needed,” Granados said.

Aileen Bumphus, associate vice president for Longhorn Center for Academic Excellence, said Martinez’s framework for the program is an additional step to help undocumented students find support.

“This program holds great potential for being a model program where students feel supported — encouraged to dream all that they want to be at the University of Texas at Austin,” Bumphus said.

KERRY

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“You had better make damn sure you are making war the last resort.”

—John Kerry,  
Secretary of State

bill and services to deal with homelessness and trauma in the aftermath of the war.

“The confusion that some Americans showed in blaming the warriors for the war itself was tragically misplaced,” Kerry said. “Our veterans did not receive either the welcome home, nor the benefits, nor the treatment that they not only deserved, but needed. The fundamental contract between soldier and government simply was not honored.”

Kerry, who served as a lieutenant in the war from 1966 to 1970, said his time served in Vietnam also taught him that he should not send young men and women into combat without considering other reasonable options. Kerry said soldiers put their lives on the line and risk suffering “grievous injury” if they survive.

“You had better make damn sure you are making war the last resort,” Kerry said to thunderous applause from the audience.

Kerry said he had “deep reservations” about an all-volunteer military force, arguing that war is best prevented when people from all classes and generations serve together, whether through military or other forms of service.

“[Shared responsibility is] one of the best ways you don’t have war,” Kerry said. “Every American has got to find a way to serve, somehow.”

Burns, who introduced Kerry on stage, said Kerry served as a courageous national spokesperson for ending the war and had continued to show that courage as Secretary of State.

“He spoke hard truths about the war,” he said. “His words echoed with sincerity and deep conviction.”

Karen Lecuyer, wife of a Vietnam veteran, said she admired how Kerry protested the war in a way that would lead to changes in future American military efforts. “Situations change, and we need to look at the context of what may be coming in future years,” Lecuyer said. “He built on the lessons that he learned.”

Even though the war ended decades ago, Kerry said he experiences flashbacks to the war from time to time.

“I just lost one of my crew members a few weeks ago,” Kerry said. “It stays with you.”

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## FORUM

## Forum: reflecting on campus conversations

By Walker Fountain

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Over the last year, I have had the pleasure of serving as the Daily Texan Forum Editor. During our time, I've seen a University in flux — students attempting to grapple with pervasive issues of mental health, institutional inequality and campus safety and sexual assault. These issues remain in flux, but we have done our part to shine a light on the various stakeholders from both sides of the issues who are attempting to grapple with the difficult

problems our campus faces.

In our year of covering these issues, we've seen a few common threads. Bringing interested parties together to discuss these issues is what will catalyze progress on our campus. Many of our forums have featured contributions from groups that face difficult scenarios from different perspectives. What comes to mind is our forum last semester on safety, in which we had contributions, discussion and input from Voices Against Violence, UTPD and campus safety authorities. Conversations like these can help break down barriers to communication and make our campus a

better place.

What this boils down to is this: I implore students to get involved with The Daily Texan — and as long as the Forum exists, don't be afraid to submit your work to be published if you believe strongly in it. The Texan exists as a resource for students on the 40 Acres — and our Forum exists to publish campus perspectives that would otherwise remain unheard by our community.

In the next year, our Forum will continue to focus on issues of concern to the campus community. But we continue to rely on one thing: your input. Student voices make this paper what it is and will

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help it best serve the needs and issues of students.

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## FORUM

## Barriers to youth voter turnout must be torn down

By Kate Cockerham, Seth Krasne,  
Madeline Goulet and Cade Stone

Daily Texan Forum Contributors

The youth, ages 18–24, makes up 5 percent of the voting population of Travis County. In a county that houses one of the largest urban universities in the nation, this number may come as a surprise. Some attempt to blame this measly percentage on teenage apathy, but looking further into the issue reveals that there are many barriers students must overcome in order to line up at their local polling place.

As a part of the Youth Voting Project, we have outlined just a few of the problems that plague students on their path to voting. Despite the fact that young people want to give back to their communities and participate civically, many feel that voting is not the best avenue to affect change. A part of this is the belief that “one vote doesn't matter.” When this excuse infects a whole section, 92 percent of young people in Travis County, it becomes a dangerous force, as well as completely untrue.

Another issue is the newly instated voter identification laws that require individuals to present some form of government issued identification before they vote. This law puts arguably unnecessary barriers in place that make voting more complicated. University students are not allowed to use their student IDs to vote, alienating a population that might have expired driver's licenses or none at all. If a student waits in line for a few hours to vote on election day but forgets their ID for some reason, the student becomes discouraged and turned

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off from the voting process. Many stories from the latest election at the University of Texas reflect this exact situation.

Intimidation is another large factor in the act of voting. Mark Strama from Rock the Vote, an organization devoted to increasing youth engagement in the political process, stated that “the battle is not so much against apathy as against cynicism.” Young people care about current issues, but they are intimidated by and do not trust the government because they see it as too far removed.

Even if students surmount the widespread myths and fears of the system, there is a great lack of comprehensible support when it comes to the registration and voting processes. For example, for students, absentee voting can be confusing and has to be planned several weeks in advance from election day in order to be eligible to vote, but this information is not commonly broadcast through campus communities.

Our group does not despair at the severity of the problem, however, and we have



Mike McGraw | Daily Texan file photo

propositions of varying scope and ambition aimed at curbing this downward curve of youth voting. Locally, we advocate simpler goals, such as more polling locations on campus, a University-sponsored website dedicated to informing students on voting, an orientation class or module on voting and more discussions and openness with the administration about the problem. Broadly and ambitiously, we aim for sweeping, institutional change in the form of a national voting holiday or mandatory voter registration (which has led some countries to see voter turnout rates in the 60-percent range).

Not everything we dream of seeing done is feasible or reasonable. However, there is a real, tangible need for change. Left alone, youth involvement may continue to shrivel until the democratic process is irreparably crippled. We believe that we are touching the pulse of this issue and have highlighted the areas where change can begin, one step at a time, to gain traction. As for the rest, we firmly believe in the philosophy of cathedral building.

*Cockerham is a Plan II freshman from Dallas. Krasne is a Plan II and business honors freshman from El Paso. Goulet and Stone are Plan II freshmen from Austin.*

## FORUM

## University owes first generation students opportunity for success

By Jesse Guadiana

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As the state of Texas finds pride in the increasing number of first-generation students entering and graduating from colleges and universities all across the state, it is not necessarily indicative of their overall success in said institutions. Being the first in your immediate family to venture to college with pressures to succeed from all different directions can feel like a burden. The weight of this pressure is heightened even more than the average student who has already had others walk the same path before them.

As a student here at the University of Texas at Austin, the high expectations entering the state's flagship institution became daunting. Like many of my peers, first-generation students come from either immigrant backgrounds or situations in which their parents were not in a privileged situation that adequately allowed them to explore the opportunity of a higher education. At this point, a natural source of social capital cannot be realized within the family structure and now stepping into the process of college in a disadvantaged state in comparison to their other peers. Before even stepping foot on a campus, selecting a university without the proper resources, in terms of what it looks like financially, within a 4–5 year plan, academic expectations and distance from home, can be challenging. These factors play a huge role in comfort at an institution, and sometimes not all students have the resources to allow themselves to be educated on the matter such as being able to take time off to visit these

institutions to give them better perspective on the decision.

Those factors are all highlighted here at our university, with such a unique student population covering the whole state and abroad, dimensions of our campus and living sectors, high academic rigor, newfound independence, lack of familial support system, and others, depending on self-identification. With all of these factors accounted for, it can be a lot to take in within the first weeks and days. Herein lies where the university can make the biggest difference in helping cope with the situation at a pivotal time in the trajectory of a successful academic career.

There are a handful of programs already that are aimed at helping students who, after being run through a metric taking into account for multiple factors, are objectively at high-risk of academic failure. However, our university needs to take a stronger stance in validating the unique experience that this population of students are facing, something which many other universities across the nation are doing. The “first-gen” experience needs to be tackled before the first day of school, to acclimate students to the university. As Kallen Dimitroff and I insisted in this year's SG campaign, a “first-generation camp” would help to accomplish this. The camp would enable the incoming class of first-gen students to build a support network, engage with professional and academic resources across campus, as well as have administrative support throughout the entirety of their academic careers. This is not only critical for the first-generation community but also for our state and country's future.

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## FORUM

## Pride shabbat seeks to break down impediments to allyship

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It's about more than just us.

At Texas Hillel, we've made it a goal this year to make sure we include programming with other student groups on campus. We strongly believe in inclusion and allyship — that no one who wants to be a part of our community or who wants to work with us to make a difference is turned away, and that instead we welcome with open arms anyone willing to help. We've partnered with organizations this year, especially in the interfaith community, in the hope that by facilitating dialogue between diverse students, we can foster a culture of understanding that allows us to work together to achieve common goals, such as a more tolerant and just society.

So on May 6, we're hosting a Pride Shabbat, starting with a discussion with an Israeli LGBT activist about organizing strategies and ending with Shabbat services, discussion and dinner. We want to invite anyone — Jewish, LGBT, both or neither, to join us as we focus on allyship and intersectionality. There is no one whose identity is affected only by his/her/their circle, and everyone benefits from shared experiences. Historically, both Jews and the LGBT community have lived their own unique struggles and culturally defining moments, and we celebrate that. When smaller communities interact, we frequently discover that we had more in common than we previously could've imagined. The diverse community of UT-Austin sometimes finds it more comfortable to split into

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cliques and to attempt to make an insular experience out of our years here. But it is only when we step out of our comfort zones and awkwardly meet new people, appreciate new narratives and understand others' lives that we truly grow.

But the Pride Shabbat isn't just about understanding what it's like to be LGBT and/or Jewish — it's about moving forward. We unfortunately have been, and continue to be, on the receiving end of prejudice, with hate crimes disproportionately targeting both groups. We, and many others, know the sting of discrimination and hatred. That's another reason we need to understand each others' experiences; by understanding, we can move forward in a way we couldn't before. Conversations lead to unity, and unity leads to progress. While we can't affect social change in the course of a day, we can decide with intention to begin the work toward the social justice we all deserve. And, as Rabbi Hillel put it, “If not now, when?”

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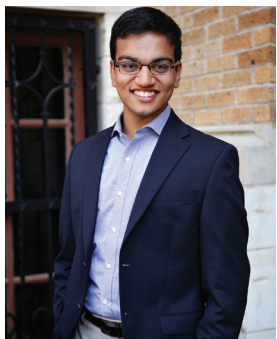
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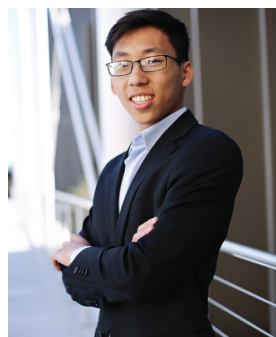
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PSYCHOLOGY

Study urges direct conversation in families

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When advertising freshman Daniela Lope-Nicholls was on her way home from dinner with her dad last year, he broke the news that she had a one-and-a-half year old baby brother. “It was shocking, to say the least,” Lope-Nicholls said. “But then I got over it, because I always wanted a sibling.”

When trying to figure out how to let a close friend or family member know about a serious issue that affects their lives, most people tend to delay or beat around the bush.

This approach is not helpful, according to research by Erin Donovan, an associate professor of communication studies, and her peers. In January, they published a paper that showed three rules that help parents communicate with their children while keeping their relationship healthy and strong. The keys are providing adequate information, candor and a peer-like interaction.

Donovan said that previous research on this topic has focused on younger children. For example, a study published in “Communication Monographs” showed how parents can

use appropriate vocabulary to tell children they have cancer. There was no information on how to break bad news to young adults, even though their parents are at an age when they can undergo a serious illness — the risk of heart disease, the leading cause of death in the U.S., increases at the age of fifty-five, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood institute.

In their study, the researchers asked 298 undergraduate students about a time when a parent shared important information regarding the death of a loved one, change in employment, move, divorce or other touchy subjects. The students answered questions about what made their conversations successful or unsuccessful. Researchers also asked if they would keep the conversation the same or change something about it.

Access to information was the first theme that was relevant to the participants. The children said that they felt satisfied when their parents were willing to answer questions and talk about the topic more than once.

The second theme was candor, or being open and honest. The students noted that when their parents



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were straightforward, they felt that their conversation was successful.

“I was angry at my dad because he took an entire year to tell me,” Lope-Nicholls said. “It’s time I’m

not going to get back.”

The third is that parents should relate to their adult children as peers. The children said that when their parents were “being real” and treating them as

adults, they felt respected.

“If you’re in your early twenties, this is a time where you’re becoming much more independent from your parents,” Donovan said. “There’s kind of

this idea that you want to be connected, you want your relationship to get closer, but you want it to get close while interacting with them in a way that’s more equal.”

ASTRONOMY

Melting polar ice caps throws off Earth’s groove

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The “Wobble” was a trend that swept across dance floors in 2008. Around the same time, geologists realized their own wobble was changing dramatically due to climate change.

Sea levels on Earth are increasing, which is redistributing the mass of the Earth and causing a subtle eastern shift of the North Pole toward Greenland. This shift affects Earth’s wobble, which is the rate at which Earth’s rotational speed deviates from the average speed.

The Earth’s rotational speed and axis should be constant, but due to normal disturbances — such as precipitation, melting ice and atmospheric pressure changes — the rotational axis is not stationary, which causes the Earth’s wobble. This axis is changing more quickly than it has before.

Jianli Chen, senior re-

search scientist at the Center for Space Research, and UT geology professor Clark Wilson were part of the first team to realize what was causing the changes in the wobble.

Due to the spinning of the Earth and its large mass, the axes of Earth move. With the movement of the axes, Earth’s poles move too in a phenomenon called polar motion.

Polar motion comes from three factors: the annual wobble, Chandler wobble and linear drift. The annual wobble and Chandler wobble are changes in Earth’s spin frequency that repeat regularly with known speeds.

The linear drift of the Earth is not predictable. It describes the net movement of the poles and emerges after decades of wobbles, according to Chris Linick, an aerospace engineering graduate student.

Most changes in the Earth happen slowly —

they take hundreds of millions of years. However, the dramatic deviations in the wobble have occurred in the last decade and a half, according to Chen.

“The recent shift from the 20th-century direction is very dramatic,” NASA postdoctoral fellow Surendra Adhikari said to the Guardian.

It was apparent that a factor in the drift was coming from climate change — the melting ice caps, according to Chen.

Individuals on Earth can’t feel the changes in the wobble, but precise measurements can measure the movement, according to Chen.

UT’s G.R.A.C.E. satellite measures the mass distribution of Earth every month, revealing regions of mass loss and gain. From the satellites’ results, scientists were able to identify that more mass was accumulating in Greenland. From their calculations, they were able to determine

that melting ice was a large factor in the movement of the pole.

The researchers’ results were brought back to light when Adhikari at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Lab confirmed their findings from 2013. He stated a major part of the mass redistribution was, in fact, from contemporary ice mass loss, according to Science Advances.

The scientists are still in consensus that these changes are not directly a cause for concern.

“If the ice caps melt completely, then the resulting polar shift will have a miniscule climate impact compared to the consequences of total ice loss,” Linick said. “For example, if the Antarctic ice sheet were to melt suddenly and completely, then Earth’s rotation axis would pierce the surface only a half mile from where it is today, but mean sea level would rise by roughly 190 feet.”



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PSYCHOLOGY

Feminine women not typically perceived as scientists

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Women with long hair and lipstick may receive signals that they don’t belong in STEM.

A study has found that research participants are less likely to identify women with feminine features as scientists or engineers, while men’s appearances had no effect on their perceived career. University of Colorado Boulder psychology and UT postdoctoral researcher Jacob Westfall collaborated on the study, which was published in the journal “Sex Roles.”

“It validates something that some women in STEM fields have been telling us — that they’re not taken seriously or that people are surprised that they’re scientists just because of something as superficial as their appearance,” said Sarah Banchef-

sky, postdoctoral researcher at UC Boulder and lead researcher of the study.

The researchers showed eighty photos of male and female STEM faculty from elite research universities, including MIT, Princeton and UT, to random participants. The scientists chose the participants from employees on a crowdsourcing website.

The participants weren’t told about the faculty members’ occupations. They were asked to rate each faculty member on traits such as femininity and attractiveness, as well as whether she or he was a scientist or a childhood educator.

The study found that the research participants selected women with stereotypically feminine features, such as makeup, long hair and feminine bone structure, as more likely to be childhood educators than scientists. If women were more feminine,

participants were less likely to guess that they are scientists. Women with more masculine features and men did not receive any kind of bias. The study controlled for age and race.

“The message that your appearance matters and that it is relevant to your career choice likely leads other women — as undergraduates, as high school students, and even as young girls — to conclude they just don’t fit with science,” Bernadette Park, psychology professor at UC Boulder and co-author of the study, said in a UC Boulder press release.

Women still lack representation in science and engineering fields, according to the National Science Foundation. They receive only twenty percent of bachelor’s degrees and their numbers decrease further as they enter the workforce and

academia. Gender bias and the portrayal of science as a masculine field contribute to their underrepresentation.

According to the study, women in STEM often report feeling unable to appear or act feminine, which creates dissatisfaction and increases the chances of them leaving the field.

Informing people of biases, advertising diversity in STEM fields and gender-blind hiring are the first steps towards changing current beliefs, Banchefsky said.

For example, the online campaign and hashtag “#ILookLikeAnEngineer” featured engineers of all genders and backgrounds posting pictures of themselves on Twitter in order to challenge current stereotypes. The campaign started when the tech firm OneLogin featured a female computer engineer in its recruitment ads and the company received backlash



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because she was “too pretty” to be an engineer.

A previous study found that exposure to counter-stereotypes, such as in “#ILookLikeAnEngineer,” increases people’s interest in science and engineering. These campaigns can lead to more women and some ethnic minorities joining science and

engineering, increasing diversity in the field.

“Increasing the numbers of women and other underrepresented groups in STEM...communicates the message that these groups belong in this environment, that they are welcome and have valuable contributions to make,” Park said.



CHEMISTRY

# Researcher automates how to see inside neutrons

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One-man team Niraj Desai, a lecturer and research scientist in the Center of Learning and Memory, is at the forefront of a new method of automation that will provide more insight into the workings of neurons.

The technique that Desai automated, known as whole cell patch-clamping, analyzes the electrical output within individual neurons.

Usually, only the most experienced researchers can look at the insides of neurons as they fire. With automation, even inexperienced scientists could perform this procedure.

“I’m the person who’s really been the cheerleader for automation,” Desai said. “I just thought it’d be interesting to do.”

The process is difficult for a number of reasons. It operates at an minute level — the researcher must be especially dextrous. As a result of its difficulty, the technique is only practiced by the most experienced scientists, according to Desai.

“It’s probably done in a few dozen laboratories worldwide,” Desai said.

Beginning the process is simple. First, an electrode that will measure electrical output of the neuron is inserted into a small hole in the skull of a mouse. Then the researcher inserts the electrode into the brain towards the area

of interest, searching for a neuron to latch onto.

This is when the operation gets more difficult, according to Desai. The final steps involve creating a tight seal between the electrode and the neuron. Finally, the scientist ruptures a small patch of membrane that rests next to the electrode, allowing the electrode to enter the neuron.

Typically, scientists analyze how neurons interact with one another. However, this procedure doesn’t allow for an understanding of what prompts a neuron to fire a signal.

“Patch-clamping provides a unique view into neural circuits, and it’s a very exciting technique but is really underused,” Karel Svoboda, a neuroscientist at the Janelia Research Campus, said in an article in the journal Nature.

Automating this task would change the rules of the game for researchers. Currently, students learn all techniques in a laboratory environment.

“You go to a laboratory and somebody who’s done this technique teaches it to you,” Desai said. “Here, we have a system that’s really automated. The barriers to entry become much lower.”

Desai hopes to achieve a number of things with his automation technique. He hopes that it will allow new researchers to better use difficult techniques they otherwise wouldn’t be able to do.

He also hopes that it will in-



Niraj Desai, a lecturer and research scientist in the Center of Learning and Memory, automated a technique that could provide insight into the way in which neurons work.

crease the amount and quality of data that researchers can get from the technique.

“There’s something a bit repetitive about patch-clamping. It can get a little boring,” Desai said. “The goal is that computers or automated systems won’t make any mistakes that a human might.”

One of the difficulties associated with Desai’s experiment is his use of active, conscious mice, which allows him to observe mouse behavior along with neuron activ-

ity. Many other researchers test their automation techniques on sleeping mice, which Desai believes decreases the accuracy of the data.

“Anesthesia can sometimes distort results,” Desai said. “It interacts with ions and changes the basic biology of the cell, so that the results you get are different.”

Desai experiments with a mouse running on a wheel. A mechanism that was designed by Raymond Chitwood, a research scientist in the same lab as Desai,

fixes the head of the mouse in place to limit movement.

However, using live mice can complicate matters. Since patch-clamping is so delicate, the slightest movement could disturb it.

“In our systems, it’s about movement. The behavior on the wheel is a bit varied,” Desai said. “Sometimes the mice will just sit there. Sometimes they’ll groom. Sometimes they’ll run.”

With his current system, Desai reports a success rate of 17 percent, a bit lower than the typical 20

to 60 percent achieved by non-automated methods. However, Desai said he hopes to implement further improvements.

He plans to use a small camera to observe the mouse’s movement, which would allow him to proceed further into the mouse’s brain when the mouse is still. If the mouse started running, the machine would pause.

“Timing those steps in relation to movement might be a very good thing to improve the process,” Desai said.

HEALTH



Courtesy of Dr. Zheng Chen

Dr. Zheng Chen, right, is an assistant professor of biochemistry at UTHealth and the lead author of a research study which found that a compound in citrus improves metabolism.

## Orange you glad doctors urge the daily consumption of fruit?

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An orange a day keeps the doctor away — or will at least help prevent high blood pressure, abnormal cholesterol levels and excess body fat.

A natural compound commonly found in citrus, called nobiletin, strengthens the body clock and improves metabolism, according to research from a team of biochemists from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) and other scientists from Baylor, UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and the Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine in Kyoto, Japan.

The body clock, also known as the circadian clock, is what controls a person’s sleep cycle. It tells your body when it is ready to sleep and wake up.

The study’s lead author and assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at UTHealth, Zheng “Jake” Chen, said that there is plenty of evidence that shows there is a relationship between the body clock and health. If the clock malfunc-

“Now we are gaining more insight on the physiological processes that are controlled by the biological clock.

—Zheng Chen, Biochemistry professor

tions, many disorders, such as metabolic syndrome, could occur.

Metabolic syndrome is a group of conditions that increase the risk of heart attack and stroke. It occurs in about a third of adults in the United States.

The team screened thousands of chemical compounds from food in search of one that could improve the function of the circadian clock. After months of searching, they found that nobiletin, a chemical found in citrus peels, had the effect they were looking for.

“Our finding that [nobiletin] targets the circadian clock is completely novel,” Chen said. “We are very excited about that.”

Chen said that although people have been using citrus peels in traditional medicines to increase digestion and relieve intestinal bloating, scientists

never understood how they worked.

To test the effects of the compound on obesity, the team gave nobiletin to groups of overweight mice.

The mice with normal body clocks exhibited a 40 percent reduction in excess bodyweight; their bodies handled glucose better, and they increased their energy use. The mice became much more active and their health greatly improved overall.

Chen said that this is what the team hoped they would find. If nobiletin works the same way in humans as it does in mice, it could be used to treat obesity and metabolic disorders.

“Now we are gaining more insight on the physiological processes that are controlled by the biological clock,” Chen said. “And now it’s time to apply that knowledge to actual health. That is my motivation.”

INNOVATION

## Austinites in favor of getting rid of manually driving cars

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Around 40 percent of Austin residents said they would pay for a driverless taxi service at least once a week, but only if it’s cheap, according to a new study on self-driving cars from the UT department of civil, architectural and environmental engineering.

Study author Prateek Bansal, a graduate student at Cornell University who got his masters in transportation engineering at UT, asked 347 people living in Austin how much they would pay for different types of self-driving technology.

If Austin deployed shared autonomous vehicles, or driverless ride-hailing programs, Bansal said that each self-driving car could replace nine conventional vehicles.

“There will be a street size reduction because now these vehicles are operating for 18 hours,” Bansal said. “There will be a requirement of less parking spaces because there will be less need to operate.”

Despite the implications for Austin traffic, participants were worried about equipment failures in the cars but thought that using autonomous cars would lead to fewer crashes overall, according to the study.

An overwhelming majority — 94 percent — of crashes are caused by human error, according to the National Highway Safety Administration.

Austinites were more likely to use driverless services on a weekly basis at cheaper rates — 41 percent were willing to pay for rides at \$1 per mile, down to only 4 percent at \$3 per mile.

In a poll of 50 students on UT campus, 64 percent said they would use a self-driving car service as a competitor to current services, such as Uber or Lyft.

Students in favor of the system said that they would use it for convenience and to save



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on costs, while students who wouldn’t use driverless cars cited safety concerns and said they’d be more comfortable with a human driver.

Plan II senior Jillian Herstein said that because current self-driving technology isn’t foolproof yet, she would prefer to have someone who could take control in an emergency.

“As much as we rely on and trust computers today, right now I think I’d be more comfortable with an actual driver,” Herstein said.

Civil engineering professor Kara Kockelman, who coauthored the study, said that new policy requirements might help bolster adoption rates.

“Just like we outlawed the horse and buggy, we will be probably outlawing conventional or dumb vehicles at some point,” Kockelman said. “For example, downtowns may say, ‘We don’t want any other pedestrians dying; we are only allowing self-driving vehicles downtown.’”

Kockelman added that while enforcement can be tricky, potential problems, such as congestion, will be reduced by introducing these new policies.

Kockelman proposed something called credit-based congestion pricing, in which everyone gets a certain budget to spend on driving, and distance is measured through a car’s GPS system.

Bansal also asked the survey takers what level of automation they’d pay for in their own cars.

Austinites were more

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—Jillian Herstein, Plan II senior

willing to pay for expensive, more complete automation than for cars with drivers that can take control in case of emergency, according to the study.

However, large amount of people still said they wouldn’t pay for self-driving technology. In a Texas-wide study, Bansal and Kockelman found that almost 60 percent of responders wouldn’t pay for full automation at any price.

Bansal said that by 2045, 90 percent of households in the U.S. will have cars that control at least one aspect of driving, such as blind spot recognition. He said he expects that one quarter of Americans will have fully autonomous cars by that point but that these numbers will jump as prices decrease and consumer interest increases.

“People’s perceptions about these cars change along with the prices,” Bansal said. “We can hope that there will be a shift in the perception because people will start realizing, ‘Oh, this is happening.’”



SOFTBALL

Shutout brings Clark 800th career win

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It's rare for a midweek, nonconference game to have much significance to a team this late in the season, but Wednesday's contest against Texas Southern certainly did.

The 6-0 Longhorn victory at Red and Charline McCombs Field marked win No. 800 for Connie Clark, who has been the head coach of the program since its inception in 1996.

"I feel really blessed to start the program and still be here 20 years later," Clark said. "When you hit a milestone, it makes you stop and reflect on the people that have been part of this journey. It really takes a team."

Freshman outfielder Reagan Hathaway got Texas on the board in the first with a bases-loaded, two-RBI double to right field. Texas Southern committed two errors in the inning, but the Longhorns couldn't muster any more runs.

The Tigers put together a scoring threat in the third behind consecutive two-out singles and a fielding error from sophomore pitcher Paige von Sprecken but couldn't plate the runners.

The missed opportunity proved to be costly in the bottom half of the frame as Texas extended its lead. Hathaway delivered her second RBI double, this time send-



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Head coach Connie Clark earned career victory No. 800 on Wednesday as the Longhorns defeated Texas Southern 6-0. Clark has served as the head coach of Texas' softball program since its inception in 1996, winning four conference championships and one national title.

ing a shot to deep center field. With runners on the corners and one out, junior shortstop Devon Tunning drove in another run as the ball was thrown away following a fielder's choice.

"I'm starting to feel really confident," Hathaway said. "I was seeing the ball well and feeling calm and relaxed."

Texas put up another two-spot in the fifth.

Junior third baseman Celina Felix sent a RBI double to left, and senior outfielder Rachel Scott followed with a RBI double of her own to center. Von Sprecken came up next and hit a single through the left side, but Scott was thrown out at home to end the inning.

Von Sprecken improved to 10-3 on the season following her complete game, seven strikeout effort. She worked

ahead of the count often and her changeup was in top form, two things the Longhorns needed to see from the young pitcher.

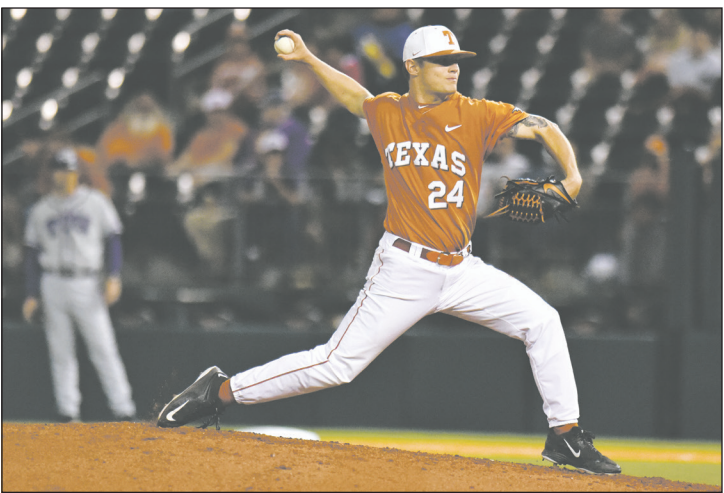
"We really wanted to get her in a groove with her off-speed because that's such a big pitch for her," Clark said. "We were using everything in her bag of tricks tonight, and it was fun to let her get some midweek work that'll be great to take into the weekend."

After the game, seniors Stephanie Ceo, Lindsey Stephens and Rachel Scott slammed pies in Clark's face to celebrate the milestone.

"It's special because she had a milestone my freshman year, so I started and finished with getting to pie her," Ceo said. "She's taught me a lot through these four years, and it's a really great thing to be a part of."

BASEBALL

Freshman pitcher Chase Shugart has taken the mantle as Texas' closer in 2016. After struggling early in the season, Shugart has not allowed a run in seven of his last nine appearances.



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Shugart brings blazing fastball following early-season struggles

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The situation looked like a total disaster.

Texas State had bases loaded with one out and the score tied at 4 in the bottom of the ninth inning in its March 1 matchup against Texas. To make matters worse, the Longhorns had a freshman pitcher on the hill tasked with preserving the delicate stalemate.

That pitcher, Chase Shugart, was not fazed.

The freshman induced a pair of groundouts to send the game to extra innings and help give Texas an eventual 10-4, 11-inning victory.

"Nothing surprises me with Chase," said Chad Landry, Shugart's coach at Bridge City

High School. "To be honest with you, he's been getting in and out of that stuff his whole career. We've become accustomed to it."

Unfortunately, Shugart's season took a downward turn after that. Head coach Augie Garrido continued to put the flamethrower into tough situations, but Shugart was not always able to come through.

Shugart struggled in his next appearance, blowing a five-run ninth-inning lead against California and surrendering three runs two appearances later against UCLA.

"Working through that rough patch, I had to keep telling myself to be myself," Shugart said. "I started trying to get to fancy with my pitches, and then I lost control of

them, and then I didn't have any confidence in what I was throwing."

The early season struggles were an unfortunate blemish on the freshman's stat line, but Shugart is no stranger to working hard and improving. He entered high school throwing in the low 80s but was able to add 10 mph to his fastball and 40 pounds to his frame, moving the scrawny freshman to full-grown Division 1 recruit.

Shugart also had a strong support group to help him through the rough patch. His grandparents, who drive up to Austin for every home series, were there to console him after the rough outings.

"That's my mom and dad,"

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FOOTBALL

Ridgeway awaits draft selection

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Junior defensive tackle Hassan Ridgeway is used to hearing his name called.

Texas PA announcer Bob Cole has announced Ridgeway's name over the loudspeakers at Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium countless times when the defensive tackle recorded a sack or a tackle.

But the next time Ridgeway will hear his name

called, it will be when he's selected in the 2016 NFL Draft.

"I feel comfortable that I can go to the next level and play," Ridgeway said. "I can play at whatever position they want to put me at."

While Ridgeway could have stayed at Texas to play in his senior season, he isn't looking back at his decision to declare for the NFL Draft.

"I feel that I did everything I set out to accomplish," Ridge-

way said. "I had goals, and I feel like I reached every single one of them. I have no regrets doing anything I've done."

One of the biggest reasons Ridgeway decided to declare for the draft was the second round grade he received from the NFL's College Advisory Committee. After learning about his draft stock, Ridgeway received some guidance from his former teammate Malcom Brown, who was drafted by

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TRACK & FIELD

Robinson shines in hurdles after football background

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After the Penn Relays two years ago, then-freshman Byron Robinson asked for his release from Penn State.

"There were rumors the coach was going to leave," Robinson said. "I didn't want to be left high and dry."

As a native of Richmond, Virginia, Robinson wasn't akin to the cold conditions and training on an indoor track. He went to Penn State because it was the first school that offered him a scholarship.

"I wasn't really trying to see everything else and make some sort of grand decision," Robinson said, "I didn't want to be cocky and make a big fuss out of it."

Robinson started realizing his speed as a football player. He enjoyed the positions that showed off his speed: running back, cornerback and kick returner. His first steps on a track awed spectators clocking a 57 second 400m in the 6th grade. Robinson continued his career as a football player until the end of his sophomore year of high school, when he moved to Chesapeake, Virginia, and started school at Western Branch.

Robinson was always a talented 400-meter runner, but his eagerness to try hurdles showed when he would practice hurdling over the entrance turnstyles at track meets. It was late into his junior season, so his coach didn't want to risk injury but promised he would get to try them senior year.

In his senior year, Robinson won state in the 300-meter hurdles and was a member of the first-place 4x400 meter relay.

"3:11:09, it's still the state record today," Robinson said.

After his career at Penn State, Robinson's high school coached reached out to Texas. Robinson knew he wanted to be somewhere warmer where he could train year-round. Meeting the team at World Juniors' Trials in Oregon showed it would be the perfect fit for him.

"Byron automatically clicked with my brother and I," junior Charles Amnnunu said.

Robinson found himself just one floor above Amnnunu and his twin brother Carlton at Jester East that fall, spending Sundays at Waffle House with pecan waffles, talking about anything from politics to video games. On the track, though, it's all business. Now a junior, Robinson motivates the people around him.

"His enemies are my enemies and vice versa," Amnnunu said, "We don't talk to anyone from the other teams; it's all about that wartime competition."

Robinson tells people he isn't feeling good or it isn't his day as a race approaches. But when he steps on the track, he transforms, letting out a yell.

"That's his little thing," sophomore 400-meter hurdle runner Ariel Jones said. "That's how we know he's going to go out there and do something big."

Last week, Robinson ran a No. 1 time of 49.10 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles. This week, Robinson will join several of the Longhorn top sprinters to compete at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

"Byron's a strong person and a hard worker. I already knew that since he ran that 49.1; he's going to get 48 pretty soon," Amnnunu said.

"I want to see how far I can go with track," Robinson said.

“I wasn’t really trying to see everything else and make some sort of grand decision. I didn’t want to be cocky and make a big fuss out of it.”

—Byron Robinson,

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1985

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Fernando Valenzuela sets an MLB record with 41- straight scoreless innings to begin the season. Valenzuela would end the year winning 17 games with a 2.45 ERA.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

**Texas sweeps Athlete of the Week awards**

Texas track and field swept the Big 12 Athlete of the Week awards on Wednesday, with Courtney Okolo and Byron Robinson taking the women's and men's awards, respectively.

Both Okolo and Robinson posted the No. 1 times in each of their events at the LSU Alumni Gold in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Okolo broke the collegiate record — which she previously set — in the 400-meters event, finishing with a time of 49.71 seconds. The event at the LSU Gold marked the her first event of the season.

Big 12 Athlete of the Week is far from Okolo's greatest accomplishment as a Longhorn. Okolo now holds three of the six fastest 400-meter times in collegiate history.

Robinson shined in the 400-meter hurdles, finishing in 49.10 seconds. His time was more than a full second ahead of the rest of the field, as he now ranks No. 1 in the nation over Florida's Eric Futch.

Following Okolo and Robinson's awards, the Longhorns now lead the Big 12 with 10 Athlete of the Week honors on the year.

— Michael Shapiro



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said Shugart, who was raised by his grandparents. “My mom and dad are still in my life. They’re involved. When people ask about me, people automatically think of my grandparents because that’s just who they are.”

The post-game consolations seem to have worked. Shugart has allowed just three runs in his last 13.1 innings pitched, resurrected his role as the high-pressure bullpen ace and started pitching like himself again.

“Attack, attack, attack,” pitching coach Skip Johnson said of his freshman pitcher. “He’ll remind you a little bit of [former

Longhorn and retired major leaguer Chance] Ruffin. If he has that same career, it’s going to be fun to be around.”

Shugart possesses a blazing fastball and a knee-buckling hook, impressive tools for a freshman. And if he continues to work hard, he may just follow in Ruffin’s footsteps. Adding another 10 mph to his fastball though isn’t Shugart’s only goal looking forward.

“I don’t think I’ll be able to throw a 107-mile-an-hour fastball before I leave here,” Shugart said. “I want to be remembered as a team player who does what it takes to win and isn’t scared of anybody, isn’t scared of the moment, isn’t scared of what’s the task that’s ahead.”

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the New England Patriots in the first round last year.

“He always gives me little pieces of advice,” Ridgeway said. “It never stops. He’s always there.”

Ridgeway broke out in his sophomore season alongside Brown racking up six sacks and 11 tackles for loss, as he quickly became one of the best interior pass rushers on the Texas defense. While his junior season wasn’t as productive as he finished with only 3.5 sacks and 6.5 tackles for loss, Ridgeway showed flashes of greatness in 2015, particularly against Oklahoma State where he recovered a fumble for a touchdown.

Ridgeway has proved he can be a force on the field and defensive coordinator Vance Bedford has taken notice of the 6-foot-3-inch, 303-pound defensive tackles’ level of intensity.

“If he ever gets mad, I’m going to be the first person to leave the room because he will hurt somebody,” Bedford said. “My man could be a beast.”

With the passion and tenacity Ridgeway brings to the game, Bedford said he has the potential to be a great player.

“I think he has the ability to be a special talent,” Bedford said. “He’s gotten better every single week. He is a guy that is growing, developing, he’s learning how to play the football game, and I think his future could be bright.”



Lauren Ussery | Daily Texan file photo

Former Longhorn defensive tackle Hassan Ridgeway is projected to be a mid-round pick in Thursday’s NFL draft.

QUIDDITCH

Quidditch looks forward to future despite loss

By Kumail Durrani  
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The Texas Quidditch team left the field heartbroken — their year-long goal of winning a fourth-straight championship wouldn’t come to fruition.

Unable to secure the snitch, the Longhorns ultimately lost 60-90, getting the quaffle — a volleyball — through one of the three hoops just six times and failing to haul in the snitch — represented by a guy in yellow with a velcro tail attached to his shorts — to end the game, bringing their tournament to an end with a loss to Ball State in the Sweet Sixteen.

While the four-day trip to Columbia, South Carolina, ended in disappointment, the team members took positives from a long season of growing close together both on and off the Quidditch field.

“The highlight of the trip for me was exploring a new city with some my closest friends,” said Michael Duquette, captain of the Texas Quidditch team. “No matter how each of us was introduced to Quidditch or where we come from, we’re just a large family.”

Austin Dickson, one of the team’s chasers, was introduced to the sport during a tabling event.

“For me, Quidditch was able to provide a combination of everything I was looking



Despite falling short of winning their fourth-straight national title, Texas quidditch will reload next year, returning all but four players from last year’s team.

Mary Pistorius  
Daily Texan Staff

for,” said Dickson. “It was a physical sport with a friendly group of people and an interesting back-story.”

Through the Quidditch team, Dickson was able to meet his current roommate and fellow teammate Nicholas Marino, who joined for his love of competition and his desire to be a part of something larger.

“I played lots of sports in high school,” Marino said. “I wanted to pick an outlet to exercise my sports ambitions through, and I thought Quidditch would be perfect due to its team aspect.”

Most people know Quidditch as the sport from Harry Potter, but to the team, the sport has grown beyond that. Alex Hoffman, a psychology junior and fan of Texas Quidditch, said he enjoys the adaptation from literature to reality.

“As a fan of the books and films, I never thought I would see Quidditch come to life,” said Hoffman. “But actually watching a seeker chase after a snitch is surreal!”

After graduating in May, Duquette will participate on the United States National Quidditch team as part of the International Quidditch Association World Cup in Frankfurt, Germany.

Following a bid at a gold medal, Duquette plans on retiring from Quidditch.

“I will always love and follow the sport, but it’s time for me to move on with my life and pursue a career,” Duquette said.

Although the Quidditch team’s season came to an end before closing out a fourth straight championship, only four players are graduating,

energizing hopes that next season’s team will be just as competitive.

“Next year’s team will be very similar to how it was this year,” said Duquette. “Even though our season just ended, I’m excited to see how next year’s team does.”

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—Michael Duquette  
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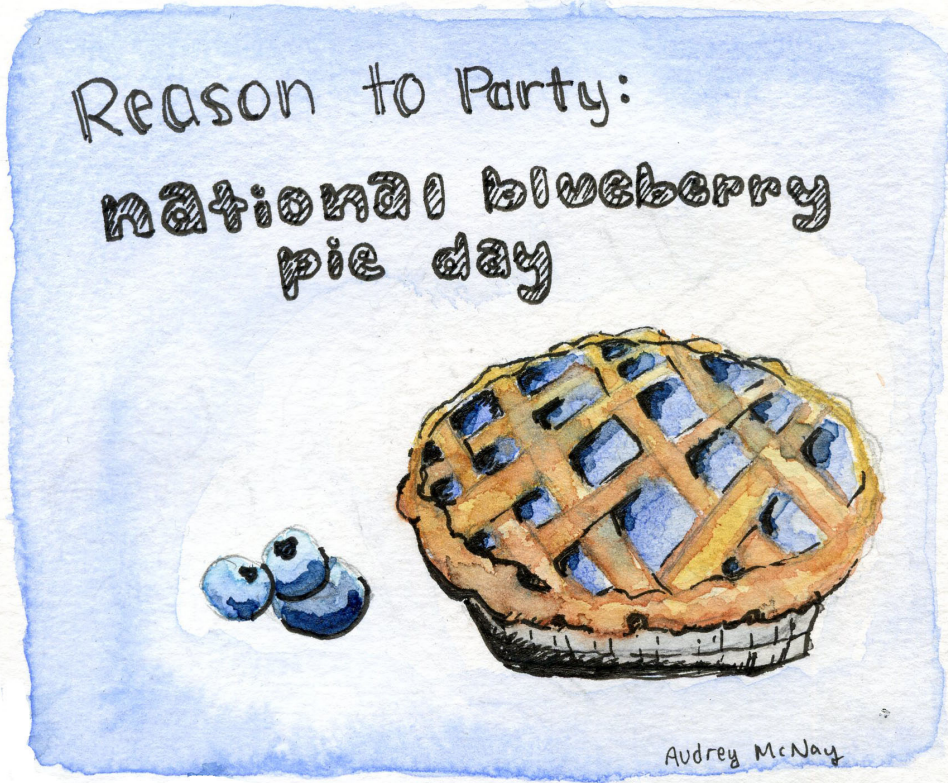
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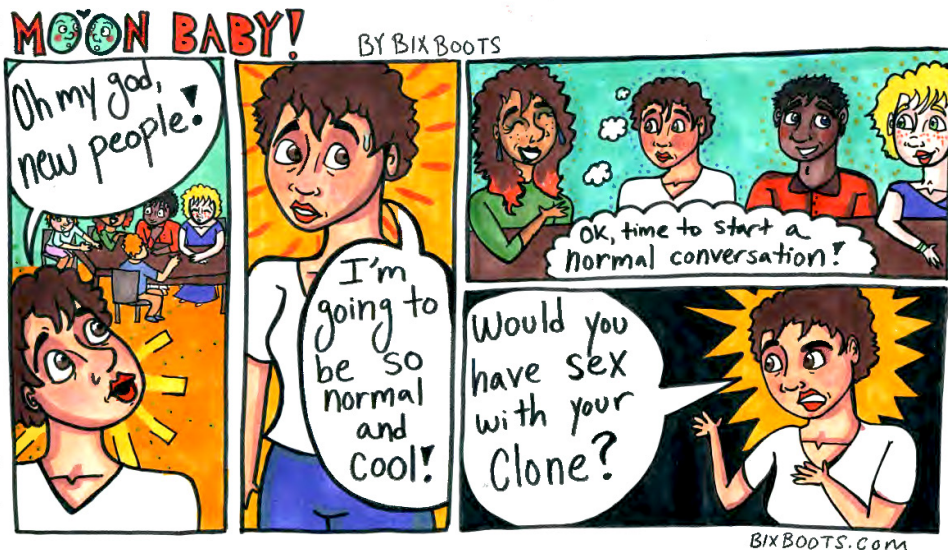
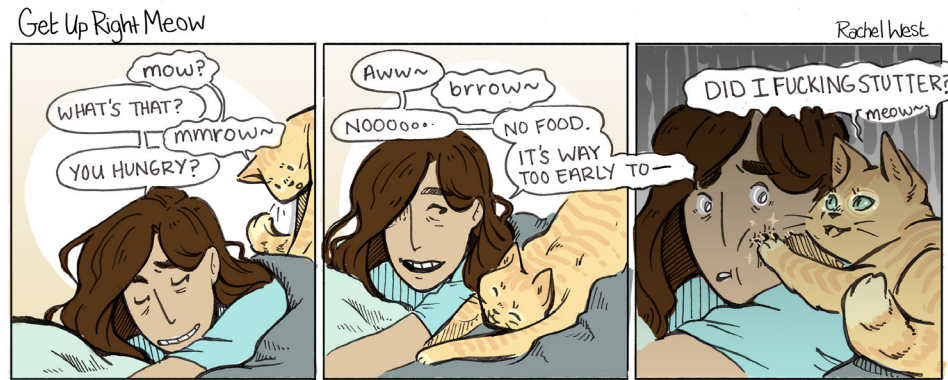
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### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0324

**ACROSS**

1 Film character who says menacingly "I think you know what the problem is just as well as I do"

4 Abbr. in the Guinness logo

8 Medium bra specification

12 Mom's all-American partner

14 Lingerie material

16 Flaw in an argument

18 The Olympic Australis is the largest one in the world

19 Modern form of customer support

20 Stir

23 Leader of four U.S. states?

24 —

33 "I don't know the question, but — is definitely the answer": Woody Allen

34 Nada

35 "The Washington Post March" figure

36 The Washington Post April figure, for short

37 Button on a DVD player

40 Way up a mountain

41 Shade akin to sand

43 Wing it

45 Cabinet dept.

46 Relaxing baths

48 Rafter's aid

49 Born

50 —

54 "Here \_\_\_!"

55 Tank top relative

56 Least refined

61 Italian bubbly

65 Reach a conclusion by assuming one's premise is true

68 Singer Green

69 Thawed out

70 Tiny bit

71 Gets down

72 Ones having issues at work, for short?

**AROUND**

28 Self-descriptive statement about a 16-Across

**DOWN**

1 Los Angeles Angels' cap feature

2 Per

3 Sports org. with the Vire Trophy

4 Old Common Market abbr.

5 Luxury hotel amenity

6 Do ground-breaking work

7 Give meaning to one's limits?

8 Author who wrote "Some day you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again"

9 Course that tests one's limits?

10 Pac-12 school

11 12 points

13 Candle scent

15 W.S.J. competitor

17 "Voulez-vous coucher moi?" (lyric in a 1975 #1 hit)

21 Flabbergast

22 Kind of board

24 —

25 High light?

26 Ones making a big scene?

27 Tore

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30 Castro, por ejemplo

31 Phraseologists' concerns

32 —

38 Stopping point?

39 Indians and Red Sox All-Star pitcher Luis

42 Hawaiian instrument, informally

44 Cracker topper

47 Place to get a wax job?

51 Pulitzer winner James

52 Source of five daily calls

53 "Sweet!", old-style

56 Network where Alex Trebek began his TV career

57 Saxophone, e.g.

58 Golden —

59 Town almost destroyed in the D-Day invasion

60 Ah!, but not mahi mahi

62 Label info

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64 Stopover points

66 Young amphibian

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RESEARCH

# Researcher remembers forgetting is hard for brain



By Sachit Saksena & Raza Retiwala  
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Don't think about the pink elephant.

Tracy Wang, a neuroscience postdoctoral researcher in the Lewis-Peacock Lab, investigates the science of memories. Earlier this month, Wang released research suggesting that forgetting can be an active process, just like remembering. It may be harder for a student to forget the first sentence of this article than to remember Einstein's field equation.

Forgetting is usually a passive process, according to the Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience. However, Wang's research focuses specifically on active forgetting.

"We process an item more when we're trying to intentionally forget the item than when you're trying to remember it," Wang said. "That's very cool."

People handle memories in different ways, and these

memories compete based on how they are processed. Her research focuses on the idea of intentional forgetting. Her findings showed that brain activity is higher when forgetting than when remembering.

For example, Wang tested what happened when a students tried to push unsavory acquaintances out of their minds. She wanted to find out what methods of forgetting are most effective.

The study tested this theory by showing 20 adult subjects images of faces, scenes and objects while an fMRI — a scanner that can monitor brain activity — recorded their brains' reactions, according to Wang's work, which was published this month in The Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience.

In addition to showing the subjects faces and scenes, subjects were given a number of tasks which typically lasted for nine to 10 seconds, according to Wang. These tasks tested how subjects handled memories while performing short tasks. Wang's research was focused on what parts of the brain were associated with different memories during these tasks.

"We're looking in perceptual regions; we're looking at where the representation of these faces and regions really are," Wang said.

Wang theorized that there are two methods involved

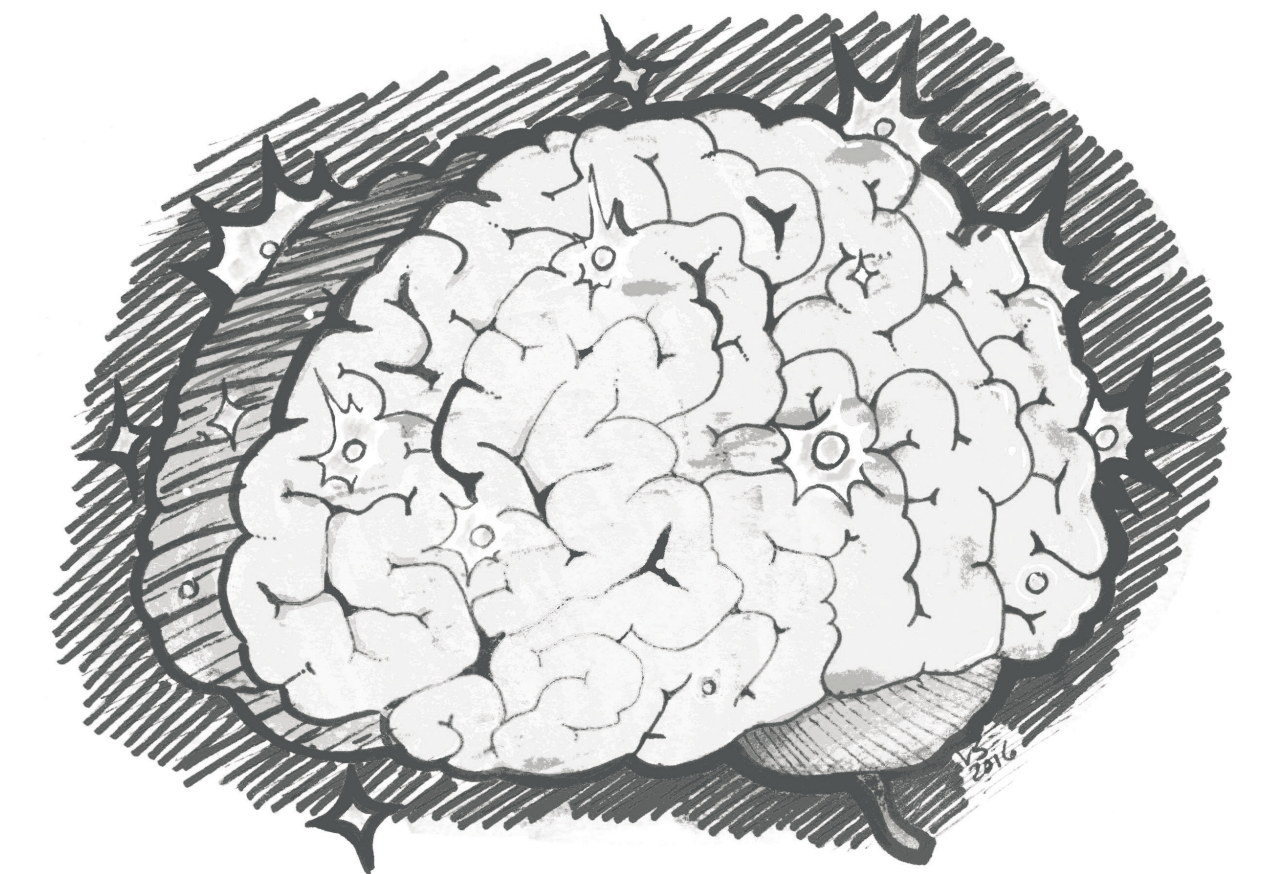


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in intentional forgetting. In the first technique, called direct suppression, the participants actively suppress their memories below conscious thought.

The second option is called direct substitution, where the memory battles another for the brain's attention. Essentially, the subject would replace the memory with another one.

Wang found that people are generally more likely

to engage in direct suppression than thought substitution. To Wang, this was surprising.

"You'd think that thought substitution would put different things against one another in competitive dynamics," Wang said.

This finding led Wang and her team to a new conclusion; they now hypothesize that the brain has a tagging mechanism for faces the subject wants to

forget. However, the tagged memory is then inherently harder to forget because it is tagged. Attempting to forget the memory only causes the subject to remember it more.

"It's one of the things we think are likely, and we're in the middle of trying out all the alternate options," Wang said. "It's very, very exciting because the idea is that before you can directly suppress an item, you kind of have to tag

that item as something to be directly suppressed."

According to Wang, there's still much to learn about how the brain creates and deletes memories.

"We're looking now at the connectivity between different brain regions — how well do the different signals correlate with one another?" Wang said. "How much are they in sync in working together towards some small task or goal?"

FILM

## Five musicals that 'bop to the top' of the must-watch list, older forgotten classics

By Charles Liu  
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"High School Musical" sucks. The Daily Texan suggests you sing along with five of these catchy musicals instead.

**"West Side Story"**

A lively and poignant update of "Romeo and Juliet" set in 1950s New York City, "West Side Story" tells the romantic tale of a boy (Richard Beymer) from a white gang, the Jets, and a girl (Natalie Wood) with ties to a rival Puerto Rican gang, the Sharks. As their love blossoms, so does the conflict between the Jets and the Sharks, threatening the lovers' future together.

With great songs such as the wistful "Maria" and the cheerful "I Feel Pretty," "West Side Story" boasts some joyous dance numbers as well as some thoughtful commentary on racism and violence. For all its upbeat tunes, this musical is ultimately a haunting tragedy.

**"The Sound of Music"**

"The Sound of Music" is a classic production from musical duo Rodgers and Hammerstein. Set on the eve of World War II, the story of Maria (Julie Andrews), an Austrian nun-in-training who becomes the governess for Captain von Trapp's (Christopher Plummer) children, remains iconic thanks to its well choreographed dance numbers and sweet characters.

Captured on crisp, colorful 70mm film, the picture begins enormously optimistic, but the cheer found in songs such as "Maria," "My Favorite Things" and "Do-De-Mi" begins to fade as Nazis spread into



Courtesy of Universal Pictures

John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd win hearts with their hilarious musical performances in "The Blues Brothers."

Austria and von Trapp is called back to serve. The von Trapp children, and Maria herself, lose their innocence as the world plunges into darkness, and they find solace in their love for each other.

**"The Rocky Horror Picture Show"**

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" isn't just a great musical — it's a touchstone of American culture. A transgressive piece of cinema from start to finish, "Rocky Horror" delights with a cross-dressing mad scientist (Tim Curry), its unabashed sexuality, and bizarre, twisted characters and set designs. Among the memorable songs are "Hot Patootie – Bless my Soul" and "Sweet Transvestite," which are dirty and darkly humorous.

While this horror comedy musical was poorly received upon its initial release, it has survived thanks to its large cult following. To this day, theaters across the

country continue to host "Rocky Horror" midnight showings, during which audiences often participate with the film and dress up as its characters.

**"The Blues Brothers"**

"The Blues Brothers" is a triumphant starring vehicle for John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, who play two brothers out to save their Catholic orphanage from being demolished. Their plan: Raise money for the orphanage by re-assembling their band, The Blues Brothers Band. Standing between them and victory are Neo-Nazis, a mysterious, murderous woman (Carrie Fisher) and the entire Chicago police force.

The Blues Brothers cover tunes like "Sweet Home Chicago," "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love" and "Jailhouse Rock" with hilarious, infectious verve, and they also perform alongside legends such as Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles and

James Brown. "The Blues Brothers" is a sweet, lovable musical that will even appeal to viewers who hate musicals. No one can deny this one's got a lot of soul, man.

**"Beauty and the Beast"**

"Beauty and the Beast" marked the highest point of the Disney Renaissance, a period in which Walt Disney Feature Animation experienced creative, critical and commercial success. "Beauty and the Beast" embodies that period with its marvelous art, superb vocal performances and magnificent storytelling.

From the memorably peppy "Be Our Guest" and to the moving "Beauty and the Beast," the film's songs rank highly among some of Disney's best. But it's the romance, which is more relatable and mature than those in "Sleeping Beauty" and "Cinderella," that lifts "Beauty and the Beast" into the higher echelons of cinematic fairy tales.

ALBUM REVIEW | 'HONEY'

## Katy B releases new EDM album, exhibits potential

By Hunter Geirhart  
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Katy B's last record, 2014's Little Red was sleek, club-ready pop, bolstered by British hits like "Crying For No Reason." However, on her latest LP, Honey, Katy B settles on smooth and psychedelic electronic music that rarely goes for the jugular.

The UK pop starlet's new record features collaborations with 21 artists, but Katy B remains the star of the show. With her two preceding albums only featuring three collaborations, Katy B shows that she has the confidence to work with other artists without the fear of being overshadowed.

From start to finish, Honey is startlingly consistent, displaying lustrous and well constructed EDM. Opening up with the eponymous title track "Honey," Katy B sets up the themes of the record as a whole, relying heavily on midtempo while trying to work in sexual innuendos. But the song's lyrics, such as "Darling just lean in / I am sure you'll want to taste this honey on my skin," ultimately fall flat.

Though the tracks continue on slowly, with most clocking in at an exhausting four minutes, each one offers a new sound: pop, EDM, R&B and rap all find a place on the album. Ultimately, each track features a collaboration with one or multiple new artists, who each bring their own influences. From wobbling synths on the opener, to sharp, accelerated drums on standout track "So Far Away," the songs manage to keep the listener's attention throughout.

The nearly two dozen collaborations make each track and production sound fresh, without becoming gimmicky. The bubbling, staccato synths on the Floating Points and Four Tet's assisted "Calm Down" are unlike those on the rest of the record but shine in their simplicity. "Water Rising," featuring Mssing- No and Geenus, is dark and dramatic, a great example of the versatility that can be found on "Honey." The only questionable contributions



**HONEY**

**Genre:** Electronic, pop, EDM  
**Tracks:** 13  
**Rating:** 7.5/10

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appear on track five, the rap/sung collaboration "Lose Your Head." With three rappers — The Heavytrackerz, J Hus and D Double E — delivering sloppy and annoying verses, the song should crash and burn. However, Katy B's confidence in the hook and an inoffensive production manage to save the sinking ship.

While each track's production thrives off of the adrenaline fueled percussion, Katy B's vocal delivery often doesn't capture that same energy. Katy B isn't a poor singer by any means, she simply avoids utilizing her full vocal potential track after track. Too frequently, she sounds lifeless and lethargic, lingering in her middle voice when her underutilized belts would be appreciated. For example, on the UK No.1, the KDA-assisted "Turn the Music Louder (Rumble)," she propels the fireball chorus by moving into her upper register. In the bridge, she unleashes riffs and growls that could blow plenty of her contemporaries out of the water. However, this is one of the rare instances in which she chooses to show all that she is capable of. For most of the album, she sells herself and her voice short.

As a B-List pop star five years into her career, Katy B hasn't been able to achieve the success her fellow UK acts Ellie Goulding or Jessie J have during the same timespan. Though Honey isn't the breakthrough record that will make her career, in sparse moments such as "Rumble" and "I Wanna Be," the album shows that Katy B has the potential to become a much more formidable artist if she chooses to harness her full potential.

## CAMP

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many details about their individual pasts," Johnson said. "We really like to talk a lot about story ideas. I

think a main reason why the mentorship has been so rewarding for both me and my students is because we each love talking about whatever is on our mind."

Johnson said the main

reason she continues to participate in Camp NaNoWriMo is because of the satisfaction she feels upon completing a story.

"With Camp NaNoWriMo, you get to see

yourself succeed, which can be much-needed," Johnson said. "You get to see yourself progress on paper, with something you've set your mind to and you're doing — that's exhilarating."



WORLD

# Student fulfills storytelling passion through camp

By Cameron Osmond  
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After spending hours studying for a history exam, Christina Johnson pulls out her laptop and enters back into the life of a 15-year-old nurse-turned-pirate. She has 500 words to write, a task she’s been looking forward to all night.

Ever since she was young, Johnson, an international relations and history freshman, has enjoyed writing and telling stories, spending her free time developing new pieces of fiction. Now, she is a five-time participant of Camp NaNoWriMo, an online writer’s workshop held in April, and is in the process of publishing a children’s book.

Camp NaNoWriMo, which has featured works such as Sara Gruen’s “Water for Elephants,” requires each participant come up with a story and write 20,000 words in the form of a play, short story or collection of poetry.

“It’s weird in that it takes place during school and it’s not an actual camp that you drive out to or physically attend,” Johnson said. “Therefore, the main

challenge has been juggling the stresses of college with my commitment to my story. A lot of times, the story trumps the studying.”

Her high school friend and current boyfriend, Noah Hodge, who attends Texas Tech University, said her love for storytelling was apparent from the first time they met.

“We were in a creative writing class together, and the teacher asked us to come up with an idea for an original children’s book,” Hodge said. “It was clear she cared much more about telling the rest of the story.”

Johnson wrote three children’s books featuring bear puns, one of which, “Walcott the Scared Little Bear,” is in the process of being published.

Johnson’s current project, the story she’s writing for Camp NaNoWriMo this month, focuses on a girl living during World War I, who, after the death of her husband, is forced into the world of piracy.

“[My current project] is very fun to write, but very dark too — it’s maybe some of the darkest writing I’ve done,” Johnson said. “It’s been a rewarding ride tell-



**Briana Vargas** | Daily Texan Staff  
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ing this girl’s story.”

Although Johnson does not have plans to pursue a writing career, her main vocational interest is embedded in her passion for writing and literature. After college, she hopes to increase international literacy for refugees, a cause she said she is already working on by mentoring Congolese boys.

“This year, I began working a lot with refugee children, specifically three high school-aged refugees who came to Austin having trouble with their English,” Johnson said.

Acting as the boys’ mentor, Johnson assigns them weekly writing assignments to practice their English. She said their responses were often eccentric and full of character.

“It’s fun to read their tales about dragons [and their] stories that provide

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“For Jamie, she got sick all of a sudden,” Wilson said. “With my car accident, I went through a similar thing. After August 19, my whole life went in another direction. I definitely feel as if I’ve moved forward and tried to heal, but that day

is always going to be hard, even if I share [my story] a million times.”

Another student, computer science freshman Jacob Tobias, was born without his left arm. As one of the three best high school baseball players in his position, he hopes to walk onto the UT baseball team this summer. If he

makes it, Tobias will be the first UT player to play with one arm.

Tobias said he wants to be able to do everything a two-armed person can do.

“I only play piano because someone told me I couldn’t,” Tobias said. “Some kid was like, ‘Finally found something Jacob can’t do!’ And I thought, ‘Thank you,’ and I

immediately went and got piano lessons a few months later, and I took piano for three years.”

Kelli Bradley, executive director of Services for Students with Disabilities, said their office works to promote an accepting atmosphere by ensuring students with disabilities receive the same opportunities as

other students.

“Our office engages in outreach across campus in order to make campus a more inclusive, accessible and welcoming environment for people with disabilities,” Bradley said.

Despite all that Wilson lost, he said returning to this campus was his only goal after his accident.

“I knew if I came back that everything would be OK,” Wilson said. “I’m still learning and growing, and the story’s still not done, but I love where I am now. This documentary is another step forward, and I can finally get to a place where I can share my story and relate to people who know what I’ve been through.”



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